

REGIONAL ENVIROTHON RULES

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Students in grade levels 9 through 12 participate.

A team will consist of a **minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of five (5) members**. Only one alternate per team will be allowed to attend the competition, but cannot participate. If your team does not meet the minimum requirements, you will not be allowed to participate.

A team is allowed one (1) alternate student. The alternate student will be designated at registration and can only be substituted for another student upon the approval of the Committee Chairperson. The alternate must stay with the advisor during the competition and may not participate in the event, unless otherwise instructed.

Each school may send a maximum of three (3) teams. Team members may not be drawn from different schools (no all-star teams). BOCES teams are eligible to compete, as are members of sovereign Native American National Schools.

Cheating will not be tolerated. If a team is found cheating, the Committee Chairperson will decide upon disqualification.

During the Regional competition, each individual school team will stay together during the event. **The team advisor or coach must travel with the team but must not assist the team in the actual competition.**

In the event that the winning county team cannot compete in the State competition, the second place team for that county shall be allowed to enter the State competition.

The advisor's will be responsible for a team's proper conduct at all times. **Each team must have an advisor present at all times.**

Competition will consist of six(6) stations - Soils, Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics, Current Environmental Issue, and Oral Presentation.

Oral Presentations are a mandatory component of the event and scores will effect your final standing.

Cooperating agencies and/or independent environmental organization personnel will conduct the competition.

The Regional Envirothon Committee's decisions are final regarding all events.

Transportation to the event will be the responsibility of each participating school.

The County and the overall winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative score for the six events. In the event of a tie, a tie breaker question will be used to determine the winner. **There will be no additional questions asked to determine winning teams for the individual categories of soils, wildlife, forestry, aquatics, and current environmental issue.**

Rules and regulations of the Regional Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all changes will be explained to all team members and advisors at the Envirothon site.

Cooperating agencies, advisors and team members involved in the competition will be requested to complete an evaluation of the program following the competition.

Any suggestions for improvement to the rules and regulations will be considered by the Regional Envirothon Committee. The Regional Envirothon Committee meets regularly to formulate and critique each year's program. All changes in rules and procedures are based on the general consensus of the committee.